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LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS

OFFICIAL REPORT OF THE BUDGET SESSION, 1117

Tuesday, *the* *4th August 1942* / *19th Karkadagam 1117*

The Council met in the Council Hall, Ernakulam, at Eleven of the Clock with the Hon'ble President, (A. F. W. DIXON ESQ., C.I.E., I.C.S.), in the Chair.

Messrs. H. J. Walmesley, Popatlal Goverdhan Lalan, Ismail Hajee Essa Sait, T. Narayana Menon were absent.

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

SUPPLY OF MATERIALS—D. C. PUPILS—CONTRACT OF

61. Mr. C. R. Iyyunni *(Trichur-South):* Will Government be pleased to state whether the supply of materials necessary for Depressed Class pupils has been entrusted to any body or firm; if so, to whom?

Mr. T. K. Nayar *(Minister for Rural Development):* Yes, to Messrs. V. Sundara Ayyar & Sons, Trichur.

Mr. C. R. Iyyunni *(Trichur-South):* May I know whether tenders were called for?

Mr. T. K. Nayar *(Minister for Rural Development):* Yes.

Mr. C. R. Iyyunni *(Trichur-South):* May I know Sir, whether having regard to the rates, the tender of Messrs. V. Sundara Ayyar and Sons was the lowest?

Mr. T. K. Nayar *(Minister for Rural Development):* Yes.

Mr. C. R. Iyyunni *(Trichur-South):* Will the Government be pleased to see that they will keep a very careful watch over the materials that are supplied by Messrs. Sundara Ayyar and Sons, because in past years their conduct has not been satisfactory? It is also evident from the various questions and answers that have taken place in this House. I request the Hon'ble Minister will do keep a very watchful eye with regard to the quality of the materials supplied.

Mr. T. K. Nayar *(Minister for Rural Development):* I can assure the Hon'ble Member that I am doing it.

Mr. A. L. Antony *(Irinjalakkuda):* Was there any complaint with regard to Messrs. Sundara Ayyar and Sons?

Mr. T. K. Nayar *(Minister for Rural Development):* I think there were some complaints.

Mr. A. L. Antony *(Irinjalakkuda):* Then is it proper to give the contract to them again?

Mr. T. K. Nayar *(Minister for Rural Development):* Government have not come to a definite finding as to whether this contractor should be deleted from the list. They are not disqualified.

Mr. A. L. Antony *(Irinjalakkuda):* Is there any list of contractors for the supply of books?

Mr. T. K. Nayar *(Minister for Rural Development):* No. But there are approved contractors.

Mr. A. L. Antony *(Irinjalakkuda):* With regard to this matter?

Mr. T. K. Nayar *(Minister for Rural Development):* For every other matter, not exactly for this. They have been supplying for the last so many years.

Mr. A. L. Antony *(Irinjalakkuda):* How many are there in the approved list?

Mr. T. K. Nayar *(Minister for Rural Development):* There is no list kept. Anybody can apply. But Government will look into their position, status, etc.

Mr. A. B. Salem *(Mattancheri):* Has there been any complaint?

Mr. T. K. Nayar *(Minister for Rural Development):* Even we have been receiving complaints not only against this contractor but also against other contractors.

Mr. A. B. Salem *(Mattancheri):* May I know whether there is any complaint regarding the supplies by this contractor?

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Mr. T. K. Nayar *(Minister for Rural Development)*: I do not follow "What does regarding supplies" means?

Mr. A. B. Salem *(Mattancheri)*: May I know whether regarding the things that have been supplied for the use of the depressed classes, there was any complaint that the articles that they supplied were unsatisfactory or were damaged articles?

Mr. T. K. Nayar *(Minister for Rural Development)*: There were several complaints.

REFUGEES FROM MALAYA AND BURMA—RELIEF OF

62. Mr. A. V. Moothedan *(Chalakkudi)*: Will Government be pleased to state.—

(*a*) the number of applications received from refugees from Malaya and Burma for relief, by the District Magistrate up to 32nd Edavam 1117;

(*b*) what action was taken in the matter?

Mr. C. J. Mathew *(Joint Secretary to Government)*: (*a*) 50 applications for registering names for employment and 78 for financial assistance from evacuees and the dependents of those who are stranded in the Far East due to enemy action.

(*b*) The names of all the applicants for employment have been registered. Their case has been represented to all employers of labour, A.R.P. organisations, etc., such as big industrial concerns, important factories, plantations, Aided Schools, Colleges, Cochin Harbour works, South Indian Railway and other important concerns in the State where vacancies may occur for their employment. Out of the 50 persons registered, 10 have been employed, most of them being in the Harbour and the Trichur A.R.P. Office. The employers have promised to entertain the evacuees as far as possible whenever vacancies occur.

1.	Total number of applications for financial assistance received till the end of Edavam 1117	78
2.	No. in which enquiries were completed up-to-date	73
3.	No. of cases rejected after enquiry	36
4.	No. of cases reported to Government for orders	37
5.	No. of cases in which payment is sanctioned by Government	32
6.	No. of cases pending orders of Government	5
7.	No. of cases pending enquiry	5

Mr. A. V. Moothedan *(Chalakkudi)*: It is stated that in 32 cases, the payment has been sanctioned. May I know what is the amount in each case?

Mr. C. J. Mathew *(Joint Secretary to Government)*: It varies between Rs. 45 and Rs. 150.

Mr. A. L. Antony *(Irinjalakkuda)*: Are these evacuees all Cochinites?

Mr. C. J. Mathew *(Joint Secretary to Government)*: Mostly Cochinites.

Mr. A. V. Moothedan *(Chalakkudi)*: What is the highest amount sanctioned?

Mr. C. J. Mathew *(Joint Secretary to Government)*: The highest amount sanctioned is Rs. 150.

Mr. A. V. Moothedan *(Chalakkudi)*: What is the lowest amount?

Mr. C. J. Mathew *(Joint Secretary to Government)*: The lowest amount is Rs. 45.

Mr. V. N. Damodaran Nambiar *(Trippunittura)*: Are these payments in a lump sum or recurring?

Mr. C. J. Mathew *(Joint Secretary to Government)*: It is paid in a lump.

Mr. C. R. Iyyunni *(Trichur-South)*: May I know what will be the finding of the enquiry in the number of cases rejected after enquiry? Is it because they have no *bona-fides* or they are in a position to help themselves?

Mr. C. J. Mathew *(Joint Secretary to Government)*: The District Magistrate makes the enquiries regarding the financial condition of the evacuees. If the financial condition is good, there is no necessity for making these advances. He will recommend only such cases in which, on enquiry, he is satisfied that some financial assistance is necessary.

Mr. C. R. Iyyunni *(Trichur-South)*: May I know whether the finding with regard to this is invariably that they can get on without financial assistance?

Mr. C. J. Mathew *(Joint Secretary to Government)*: Where there is no real necessity to advance any loan, the District Magistrate will report so.

Mr. K. R. Viswambharan *(Ezhuvas-Talappalli)*: May I know, whether the Government are aware that a large number of people have evacuated from Ceylon and other places.

Mr. C. J. Mathew *(Joint Secretary to Government)*: The question does not arise.

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